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DOD Personnel Urged To Invest in Bonds

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has urged all DOD civilian and military personnel to follow President Johnson's example of buying savings bonds.

At the same time, Secretary McNamara announced an intensive 90-day campaign to communicate the importance of the Payroll Savings Plan.

Increased emphasis is being put on the 1966 Savings Bond campaign following President Johnson's announcement of an interest rate increase from 3.75 to 4.15 percent for Series E and H bonds. The new rate is retroactive to Dec. 1, 1965.

The Secretary noted the President's statement of the government-wide Savings Bond campaign in a memorandum to Secretaries of the military departments, Chairman of the JCS, Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Assistant Secretaries of Defense and Directors of the Defense agencies.

The initial DOD meeting on the bond drive was held Feb. 17 when Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris conferred with Under Secretaries Norman S. Paul, Air Force; David E. McGiffert, Army; and Robert H. B. Baldwin, Navy.

Secretary McNamara also urged members of the reserve forces, DOD contractors and their employees to invest regularly through payroll savings plans.

LBJ Asks $12 Million For Selective Service

President Johnson has asked Congress to act promptly and favorably on three supplemental appropriation requests, including $12,681,000 for the Selective Service System.

Funds were also requested for the National Teacher Corps and the Rent Supplement Program.

As for additional funds for the Selective Service System, the President explained it is now estimated that inductions in FY66 will total approximately 360,000, as compared to the estimate of 125,000 upon which the original 1966 appropriation was based.

"Accelerated inductions into the Armed Forces have substantially increased the workload of the System," the letter stated.

AWARD WINNER—Brig. Gen. H. G. Davisson (left), CG, 8th Army Support Command (EASCOM), receives a plaque from Gen. Dwight E. Beach, CG, 8th Army. EASCOM won the 8th Army's semi-annual reenlistment award for second half 1965 by reenlisting 691 out of a possible 1,023.

Attempts Made to Reduce Balance of Payments Deficits

Attempts to reduce the foreign research portion of the balance of payments deficit have been disclosed in Congressional testimony by Dr. Finn J. Larsen, Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering.

Dr. Larsen said, beginning in 1964, target reduction goals were placed on foreign obligations in the Research Category for FYs 64, 65 and 66 for the countries in Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

Obligated FY63 amounts were used as the base, calling for ensuing FY reductions of 20, 35 and 50 percent.

These goals were later extended to Exploratory Development obligations but were expected to lag in performance by a year, so that the full 50 percent reduction is not expected until FY67, he said.

Admittedly, the balance of payments problem has not been solved, Dr. Larsen said, in covering problem areas and achievements. The end solution, he explained, can come only by a more critical examination of all overseas spending, and research should carry no special class protection from examination.

Washington Memos

PRESIDENT JOHNSON ESTABLISHED National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies, in an Executive Order Feb. 14. Members are: Secretary of the Treasury, Chairman; Secretary of State; Secretary of Commerce; Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and President, Export-Import Bank of Washington.

"MARKET TIME" ACTIVITIES in RVN accounted for detention of some 170 persons and 35 vessels during Feb. 1-16. U.S. Navy and Coast Guard units inspected, boarded and searched more than 6,000 vessels in a continuing coastal operation reducing the inflow of enemy supplies, personnel and equipment into RVN.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAVED $11.1 million through Presidential directive placing moratorium on purchase of office furniture and equipment. 1965 cost reduction effort saved $3.6 million on procurement of filing cabinets, $7.5 million on office furniture and typewriters.

COL. RODGER R. BANKSON, USA, appointed Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, succeeding Col. Ben W. Legare, was awarded Second Oak Leaf Cluster to Legion of Merit, Feb. 15. Col. Legare will be assigned to a key Pentagon information post.

CAPT. EDWARD J. MURPHY, USAF, Staff Judge Advocate, Mactan AB, Republic of the Philippines, was elected as only American voting member of Cebu Bar Association, R.P.

MILITARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT and Terminal Service (MTMTS) celebrated first anniversary Feb. 15. MTMTS is $1.3 billion single manager agency for all military transportation within continental United States.

TACTICAL AIR COMMAND will receive two additional bases, Dyess AFB, Tex., and Blytheville AFB, Ark., in 1969-70. Both installations will receive C-130 Hercules troop carrier units from Stewart AFB, Tenn., which will close by July 1970.

VINSON HALL COMPLETION is expected by Christmas 1967 providing a home for elderly persons, primarily officers' widows, whose lives have been dedicated to Navy, Marine and Coast Guard service. This first project of the Navy-Marine Residence Foundation is on 13 acres near McLean, Va.

READYMAIDS, AN ARMY "computerized mechanic," can determine malfunctions of certain wheeled vehicles in less than five minutes. It detects faults, types out cause descriptions, and lists required parts by number and repair manual reference. Developed at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, an improved prototype is scheduled next spring.

"ROUGH" QUOTAS ANNOUNCED by HQMC for enlisted promotion board, now in session, which will select senior Marines for two top enlisted grades. Board which convened Jan. 21, is expected to report out in mid-March. Present quotas are: Sgt. Maj. — 92; MGySgt. — 107; 1stSgt. — 385; and MSgt. — 661.

ARMY-WIDE SAFETY conference is scheduled by DCSPER at U.S. Army Management School, Ft. Belvoir, Va., March 28-31. Conferences are held periodically with results compiled and distributed to safety personnel throughout the Army.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF certain enlisted personnel with General or Special Intelligence Primary MOS, Career Groups 96-97, will come under a new program reported in March edition of Army Personnel Letter. Career development calls for individual treatment progressively assigning persons to higher responsibility positions and periodic training at service schools and other educational institutions.

FIRST TWO PHASES of U.S. armed forces plan to establish an across-Japan Over-the-Horizon communications system, linking Okinawa, Kyushu and Republic of Korea, have been completed by Nippon Electric Co., Ltd.

INCREASED REQUIREMENTS FOR qualified aircraft mechanics has prompted the Army Aviation School's Department of Maintenance to begin a two-shift schedule at Ft. Rucker, Ala.

MORE "SWIFT" BOATS are being sent to RVN, helping U.S. Navy and South Vietnamese stop inland distribution and waterway transportation of communist infiltrated supplies. SWIFT is fast patrol boat, proven effective in such operations.

WAR EXHIBITS MAY be loaned temporarily to public and private organizations agreeing to display them publicly. Contact Chief of Military History, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE NOW presented to Air Force Reservists being transferred or retired to Retired Reserve, to show appreciation of Air Force for faithful service.

CHANGE 17 TO ARMY'S MOS manual includes a revision of all enlisted Special Services' MOSs. One example is 073.20, changed to 03D20, eliminating library duties while expanding arts and crafts.

ARMY'S RESERVE COMPONENT Enlisted Evaluation System has been resumed. It generally parallels active Army's, with several significant differences. Details and instructions are in DA Circular 611-27, Sept. 17, 1965.

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17,275 Nurses Sought In Recruitment Drive

Increased nurse recruitment has been authorized by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, including placement of civilian nurses in some full and part-time military positions in the United States.

The authorization covers both male and female nurses. Increases are necessary, an official said, due to the current strength build-up and greater medical service requirements for treating Southeast Asia casualties.

Projected nurse requirements are 17,275. (Army, 8,243; Navy, 3,440; and Air Force, 5,592) Current needs to meet FY66 requirements are about 4,500.

This does not change requirements for approved three or four year graduates, who may still apply for a direct commission as second lieutenant or ensign.

Individual services may offer warrant officer appointments to qualified nurses with two year's training, and E-5 or sergeant grade to qualified practical nurses with one year of training.

Should Secretary McNamara determine additional measures are required, male nurses may be drafted under a recent Executive Order amending Selective Service System regulations.

Higher Education Deeply Involved in National Defense

Higher education is deeply and inextricably involved with national defense, said Air Force Secretary Harold Brown at Long Island University's 40th anniversary observance.

He spoke of a new phenomenon in American life, calling it the "military-academic partnership." Research and development by educational institutions has contributed to the scientific-technological revolution, he said.

This revolution, he explained, has brought nuclear weapons, supersonic aircraft, atom powered submarines and intercontinental missiles.

The military profession today has become one that combines traditional action with very sophisticated intellectual pursuits, the secretary said.

A military man's "tool box," he said, includes mathematics, economic analysis, physics and astronautics.

Campuses from coast to coast are invaded by thousands of men and women in uniform each year, Dr. Brown said, explaining that some attend part time, while others are sent by their service.

FIRST AND PRESENT—The late Fleet Adm. Ernest J. King (left) served as first Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet when it was established in February 1941. Current and 11th CINCLANTFLT is Adm. Thomas H. Moorer (right).

Mark 25th Anniversary Of U.S. Atlantic Fleet

The U.S. Atlantic Fleet celebrated its Silver Anniversary in February at Fleet Hq., Norfolk, Va.

Twenty-five years ago ships of the Atlantic Patrol Force gathered in the Caribbean, where RAdm. Ernest J. King read orders dissolving the Atlantic Patrol Force and creating the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, with himself as commander in chief.

The battleship Texas, flagship for the Patrol Force, was the Fleet's first headquarters, in contrast to today's complex headquarters with 300 officers and 600 enlisted personnel assigned.

The list of past commanders of the Fleet includes many famous Navy names: Adms. J. H. Ingram, Marc A. Mitscher, William H. P. Blandy, Royal E. Ingersoll, William M. Fechteler, Lynde D. McCormick, Jerauld Wright, Robert L. Dennison, Harold P. Smith and the present Commander in Chief, Thomas H. Moorer.

Navy Doctor Voted into Int. Academy

A U.S. Navy medical officer has been voted membership in the International Academy of Aviation and Space Technology.

Capt. Joseph P. Pollard, MC, USN, Research Director, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, was presented a membership certificate during a luncheon at the Belgian Embassy in Washington by that country's armed forces attache. Legal seat of the academy is in Brussels.

The association was formed to promote development of science and support research in fields of biology, aviation and space medicine. In addition to Capt. Pollard, nine other members are active or retired officers of the Navy's medical department.

Estimate 1 Billion Rounds For Small Arms in RVN

Ordnance programming for February indicates that this country's armed forces will fire an estimated one-billion rounds of small arms ammunition in South Vietnam annually.

The small arms estimated are inclusive of 30-caliber machine guns on the ground, according to U.S. officials, and do not include 40mm air-launched grenades or 40mm ground-launched rockets.

If the February consumption is sustained, the annual projected ammunition usage for Vietnam could include: Air-to-ground (machine guns primarily), 88.8-million rounds; 40mm grenades (air-launched), 6.8-million; 40mm grenades (ground-launched), 9.4-million; and mortar and artillery fire, 10-million rounds.

Officials estimate 1.8-million bombs will be used in Vietnam annually, if the February rate is reached, and 4.8-million 2.75-inch rockets will be fired.

Arms Control Agency Study

The U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) has announced a project to investigate and evaluate inspection and verification systems for arms control and disarmament agreements. Project Cloud Gap, a joint effort by ACDA and the Department of Defense, will begin with the opening of a training period at Ft. Meade, Md., Feb. 28.

"FOR HEROISM" — Capt. John K. Forsythe (right) of Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center, receives the Distinguished Flying Cross from Col. Harry P. Verbeek, base commander. This award and the Air Force Commendation Medal were presented to the Captain for his heroic actions while stationed in the RVN in August and September 1965.

President Honors Scientists

President Johnson presented the National Medal of Science to 11 recipients for 1965, at a White House ceremony Feb. 10.

The 11 medalists are: Drs. John Bardeen, Peter J. W. Debye, Hugh L. Dryden (posthumously), Clarence L. Johnson, Leon M. Lederman, Warren K. Lewis, Francis P. Rous, William W. Rubey, George G. Simpson, Donald D. Van Slyke and Oscar Zariski.

Hold PA/AFIE Pentagon Meeting

Advisors to senior military field commanders attended a three-day Public Affairs-Armed Forces Information and Education conference at the Pentagon, Feb. 15-17.

Officers from the eight worldwide U.S. Unified and Specified Commands met with "opposite numbers" in Washington, discussing policies, programs and mutual problems.

The conference was jointly convened by Arthur Sylvester, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) and Thomas D. Morris, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower).

Similar conferences have been held since 1959.

Plutonium Discovery Date Noted at U. of California

The 25th anniversary of the discovery of plutonium, major fissionable fuel of atomic energy, was celebrated Feb. 21 at the University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall officially designated the small university laboratory where the discovery was made as a National Historic Landmark.

Three of the four co-discoverers, Drs. Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Edwin M. McMillan, and Arthur C. Wahl, took part in the ceremonies. Dr. Joseph W. Kennedy, fourth co-discoverer, died in 1957.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Brig. Gen. Harold K. Kelley, USAF, new Deputy for Civil Engineering, TAC Hq., Langley AFB, Va. **Dr. William B. McLean,** Technical Director, U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, Calif., one of six recipients of Rockefeller Public Service Award for 1965. **Brig. Gen. John A. Rouse, USAF,** reassigned from Comdr., Seattle Air Defense Sector as Comdr., 25th Air Division, McChord AFB, Wash. **Maj. Gen. Frederick R. Terrell, USAF,** Commander, 30 NORAD (CONAD) Region and 30 Air Division (SAGE), Truax Fld., Wis., transferred to 4608 Support Sqd, ADC, Ent AFB, Colo., as DCS/Plans and Policy, J-5, NORAD and CONAD, by April 1.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Deering Milliken, Inc., New York, N. Y.: $1,388,000 fixed-price contract for 400,000 yards of tropical wool khaki cloth. **(DSA)**

Isotopes, Inc., Westwood, N. J.: $2,484,495 cost-plus-fixed fee contract for classified research. **(DASA)**

Drillmation, Inc., Centerline, Mich.: $1,657,113 fixed-price contract for bolts for M2 carbines. **(Army)**

Beech Aircraft Corp., Wichita, Kan.: $2,078,500 fixed-price contract for production of KD2B aerial targets. **(Navy)**

Garrett Corp., Phoenix, Ariz.: $1,155,019 fixed-price contract for starter and valve assemblies for C-141 aircraft. **(Air Force)**